



Application No. 09/877,837
Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply

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REMARKS

The Notice of Incomplete Reply states that the previous response was informal because the claims did not commence on a separate sheet. The undersigned respectfully traverses that finding. Page 4 of the English translation, submitted to the Office on November 28, 2001, commences with Claim 1. Accordingly, that sheet complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.75(h).

Page 4 also contains the Abstract or summary. The undersigned acknowledges that the Abstract belongs on a separate sheet and will make the appropriate amendment in a later filing. However, the occurrence of the Abstract on the claims page is not contrary to 37 C.F.R. 1.75(h).

The present amendment to Claim 3 removes the multiple dependency from that claim. This amendment thus avoids the need for the multiple dependent claim surcharge.

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply. The undersigned awaits further examination in due course.

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